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SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, in action yesterday and earlier today we corrected what I felt were two major problems with the bill. One was separating the powers of the city from the powers of the county, and the other one was requiring a general election. With those two amendments, as far as I'm concerned, I...I think it's a good bill and I don't mind the counties out...out and about having that sort of power, those who have the problem of big events in their areas. I do really hope that you will think hard about and take a look at the relationship between NRDs and counties because that is a bad, bad public policy situation. It's interesting to me that the word "germane" and the word "German" are kind of related. A German is a person who pursues things even when they're not germane, and I continue and I will continue to do so on this particular issue. Thank you. I withdraw the motion.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, did you indicate withdrawal? Thank you. It's withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending on the bill at this time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized on advancement of the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I will speak briefly if...unless there's questions I would...I'll move on. The bill has been amended via the committee amendments and amendments to the committee amendments, but I think with the extended discussion we've had most ought to understand what this bill does. I think it's important for counties to have this local capability, if you will, to provide support, money in this case, for local events that may be held. It now takes a vote of the people in that county to make that decision so, therefore, if they...the county board can present it, the people think it's worthwhile, it probably will happen. But there's going to be a lot of events and increasing events in the eastern part of the state and across the state in the future that are going to attract crowds of people that are going to require additional roads, additional law enforcement, and perhaps other